**November 19, 2019 @ 9:30 AM rm 207**

**8 people (attendance)**

* No “formal” agenda
* Survey is not functional, needs to be updated, need trauma informed approach
  + PIT count is grossly undocumented; youth are in and out of shelters
* Youth do not know about shelter system and will couch surf / live with friends
  + According to HUD they are not homeless
  + Youth do not have a stable home
  + 2 shelters that service youth in LI are in Suffolk and Nassau County (Hope for Youth, Nassau Haven)
  + There is inadequate funding to service the youth
* Need a better understanding of how many youths are experiencing homelessness and the services they need
  + WHAT DO THEY NEED?
  + WHAT SYSTEMS ARE FAILING?
  + WHAT SYSTEM IS FAILING THIS GENERATION?
* Gender identity – needs to be clearer on the survey
  + Proper pronouns
  + Recommendations from supervisor (Anthony – pass sheet around)
  + Sexual assignment vs. gender identity
* Changing the term “youth” in survey
  + Collab of Youth/Youth Adult phrasing
* Need to work with school systems
  + - Attendance list
    - Community coordinator – give resources to families
    - They will have a better idea of where they are
    - School is considered a “safe haven” / not a “safe haven” for some students
* What is the appropriate approach so that the youth feels comfortable answering questions? (from the survey)
  + Important to respect boundaries
  + Important to respect what they are saying
  + These are the people who are going to be “our next generation”
  + Approach this in a trauma informed manner
  + Being homeless = traumatic event and not the first traumatic event they’ve gone through. Contributing factors that led to them being homeless (unsupportive parents, disclosing true identity, sex trafficking, domestic violence, etc.)
  + We do “not know their story”
  + Any story can be re-traumatizing for the victim
  + The youth do not have to answer questions; the survey is used to better understand what the youth is going through (without making assumptions)
  + Cannot approach them in an intimidating way
* What is the appropriate approach for those who are nursing/are taking care of a sibling(s)? (pregnant or parenting)
  + Do they know they have certain rights with getting help with child care?
  + Need to link them to resources
* Sharing stories (Nikita from FCA)
  + Some youth do not feel safe in the shelter
  + Individual would rather stay in the park
  + Link with different outreach groups to connect multiple resources (MTA with street outreach team)
  + Spread information to the school systems
* Trauma Informed Training
* Youth resource guide development
  + Linking resources
  + If this, then, that
  + Understanding what is available
* Deported families – how to approach fear of being deported for the individual
  + Linking services for language barrier
  + What language do you feel comfortable communicating in?
  + Do not have to answer questions if they do not feel comfortable
* Undocumented and LGBTQ for homeless
  + Need to “change”
  + They are not accepted and kicked out of their house
  + Forcing child to go to conversion therapy camp
* Next steps
  + Trauma informed trainings (Justin)
  + Brief description of sexual orientations / gender identities (Anthony and Justin)
  + Development of resource guide (Dana and Nikita)
  + Send minutes (Thanh)
  + Invitees for next meeting (Krista)
    - Recommendations from other organizations
  + December meeting scheduled, plan for monthly meetings moving forward
  + PIT Count for January 22nd